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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: EQUIPMENT FOR FEDERAL POLICE

REF: A. STATE 71954, B. STATE 98573, C. BA-2648, D. STATE 025936

1. JEE REPORT ON LAB EQUIPMENT AND JEE MEMO ON LIKE-DATA FOR PHOTO EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FEDERAL POLICE.

EMBASSY'S FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS SHOWN BELOW:

A) LAB EQUIPMENT: THE FEDERAL POLICE DESIRE ALL THE EQUIPMENT SHOWN IN ANNEX "C" (RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT LIST) OF JEE'S REPORT. THEREFORE THIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE DEFINITIVE LIST OF LAB EQUIPMENT. ESTIMATED COST: US\$38,000.

B) PHOTO EQUIPMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS VERIFIED THAT THE FEDERAL POLICE LACK THE ITEMS SHOWN ON THE JEE LIKE-DATA LIST, AND THAT THEY WOULD LIKE US TO PROVIDE THIS EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THEIR NARCOTICS DIVISION. THEREFORE, THE JEE LIKE-DATA LIST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE DEFINITIVE LIST OF PHOTO EQUIPMENT. ESTIMATED COST: US\$5,300.

2. REQUEST AID/W PROVIDE APPROPRIATION AND ALLOTMENT NUMBERS FOR PREPARATION OF PROAG. WHEN LETTER IS SIGNED, MISSION WILL ADVISE AID/W REQUESTING THAT THE RESPECTIVE PIO/CS BE ISSUED FOR ITEMS AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

3. THE KATZ TDY VISIT DETERMINED THAT THE POLICE DID NOT NEED RADIO EQUIPMENT ALTHOUGH THEY COULD USE SOME COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT TRAINING. THEREFORE, THE REQUEST FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT

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(PARAS 1-A AND D, REFTTEL C) SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN. THE ONLY

EQUIPMENT REQUEST IN REFTEL C THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, APART FROM THE PHOTO EQUIPMENT, ARE LOCAL PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLES. THE EMBASSY AND THE FEDERAL POLICE HAVE DECIDED ON THE QUANTITIES AND SPECIFICATIONS SHOWN BELOW:

SIX (6) EACH FORD FALCON FOUR-DOOR SEDANS, UNMARKED, 6-CYL-INDERS, HEATERS, STANDARA SHIFT, NO SPARE PARTS. UNIT COST: US\$4,800. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: US\$28,800.

VEHICLES WILL BE INCLUDED IN ABOVE-NOTED PROAG. SINCE IT IS INTENDED THAT THE VEHICLES WILL BE PROCURED LOCALLY, MISSION REQUESTS AID/W GRANT SOURCE/ORIGIN WAIVER BE APPROVED COVERING LOCAL PURCHASE OF VEHICLES. MAIN JUSTIFICATION IS THAT THESE CARS ARE TO BE USED FOR SURVEILLANCE OF BUENOS AIRES PORT AREA AND MUST BE INCONSPICUOUS TO FULFILL MISSION EFFECTIVELY. STYLING OF IMPORTED VEHICLES MAKES THEM EASILY IDENTIFIABLE. TAX FREE PRICE OF LOCAL VEHICLES IS COMPARABLE TO COST OF US EQUIPMENT. WAIVER SHOULD ALSO COVER ANY OTHER EXCEPTION TO AID REG 1 REQUIRING APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE DEEMED NECESSARY.

4. THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF POLICE REQUESTS, LESS REQUEST NO 1 (PRESENTLY IN CCINC FOR DECISION). THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR THE FEDERAL POLICE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM IS US\$72,100.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GO-AHEAD TO NEGOTIATE PROAG BASED ON ABOVE EQUIPMENT LISTS AND DOLLAR TOTALS.  
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